

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION CLASS CHARACTERISTICS: STIMULANTS & NON-STIMULANTS FOR ADHD

STIMULANTS		
Stimulants are used for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) primarily in children and adolescents although may persist into adulthood. A non-stimulant medication for ADHD is also now available which is non-addictive and with side effects similar to cyclic antidepressant agents. Many personal care physicians are comfortable prescribing, if provided with adequate diagnosis and treatment rationale. These medications need close monitoring due to abuse potential of stimulants by other students to get "high". Pemoline can be toxic to liver so that periodic blood tests may be needed.		
Brand Name	Generic Name	Usual Dose
Dexedrine	Dextroamphetamine	5-40 mg/day
Adderall	Amphetamine salts	5-40 mg/day
Ritalin	Methylphenidate	5-60 mg/day
Cylert	Pemoline	7.5-112.5 mg/day
NON-STIMULANTS		
Strattera	Atomoxetine	40-100 mg/day